

REMARKS

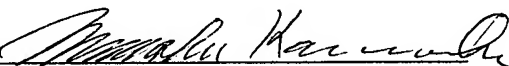
In response to the restriction requirement of March 8, 2006, the applicant provisionally elects species II, an airbag device and a shape-maintaining component according to Figs. 14(a) and 14(b).

In the specification, it is stated that "the shape-maintaining component may be partially provided with a low-strength portion..." (emphasis added) (page 14, lines 20-23) Therefore, all the claims including the embodiments as shown in Figs. 1-6 should be examined.

In considering the situation that all the claims are not examined, new claim 8, which is readable on the elected species and depends from claim 6, has been filed. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 7 are at least readable on the elected species.

Respectfully Submitted,

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